

# **THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST**

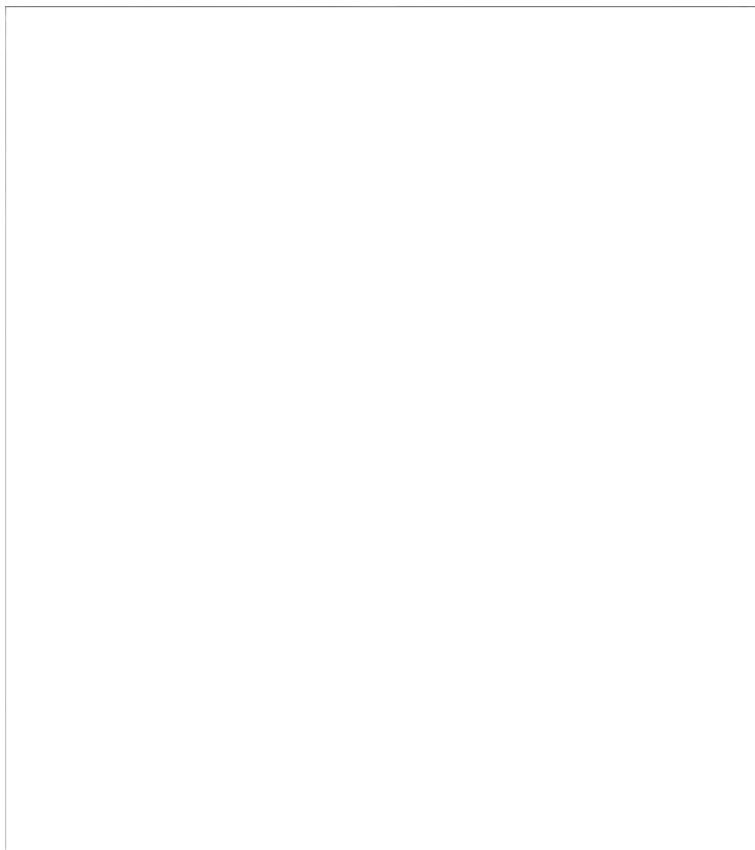
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1. USSR-Indonesia



2. Laos

a. The Pathet Lao have again pushed neutralist forces off Phou Kout hill alongside Route 7.



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c. In the diplomatic arena, it looks as if those talks among the three main factions may be delayed indefinitely.

### 3. Singapore

a. The rioting began again this morning for the third straight day. There have been at least 18 deaths so far, and hundreds of casualties.

b. There is no evidence that the Indonesians are directly involved



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c. However, the violence is grist for Sukarno's mill, since it dramatizes the Malaysian communal problem and inflames Malay fears of the Singapore Chinese majority.

### 4. Cuba

a. President Dorticos has taken on the two top economic jobs in the regime in the latest of a series of moves aimed at bringing some order out of the confusion.

b. He is to be minister of economy and director of the central economic planning board.

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c. As president, Dorticos has had prestige, and perhaps some influence, but he has been a figurehead. Even if Fidel now gives him real authority, it appears to us that the problems of the Cuban economy are bigger than he is.

NOTES

- A. Congo Tshombé talked to representatives of the Kivu rebel government last night in Bujumbura, with what result we do not yet know. This was his first attempt to come to grips personally with the dissidence in the eastern provinces. Next he goes to Bukavu, capital of Kivu, where he intends to talk to the tribal chiefs in the vicinity.
- B. Italy Moro's new cabinet is virtually the same as before. This could mean his position is stronger than it seemed earlier, notwithstanding the hostility toward him on the part of Fanfani and others in his own party. However, there is still no evidence of any real agreement among party leaders on the issues, and the odds are not good for Moro's long survival.

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